

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Maria E. Harris.

Information: Research conducted by Bureau staff revealed that Applicant wrote an article entitled, "Graduate Education and Public Service Internships: A Theoretic Framework to Guide Learning," that was published in 2002. Staff found no other information concerning Applicant that was not disclosed in, or that conflicted with, the information provided in her application materials..

Staff contacted Carol Churchill, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Ms. Churchill confirmed the information in the letter and added that Applicant has experience working with various groups in the community that typically are either afraid of the government, such as Cambodians and Hispanics, or feel disenfranchised, like the elderly, gays, and African Americans, to encourage them to participate in the state and local governmental process. She also commented on the courage Applicant demonstrated by traveling to Afghanistan to work with one of their universities to teach Afghans about public administration. She needed to buy appropriate clothing, and was well aware of the cultural attitude toward women in Afghanistan, but felt her work was important and needed to be done..

Recommendation: None..

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

Report Date: September 17, 2010.